



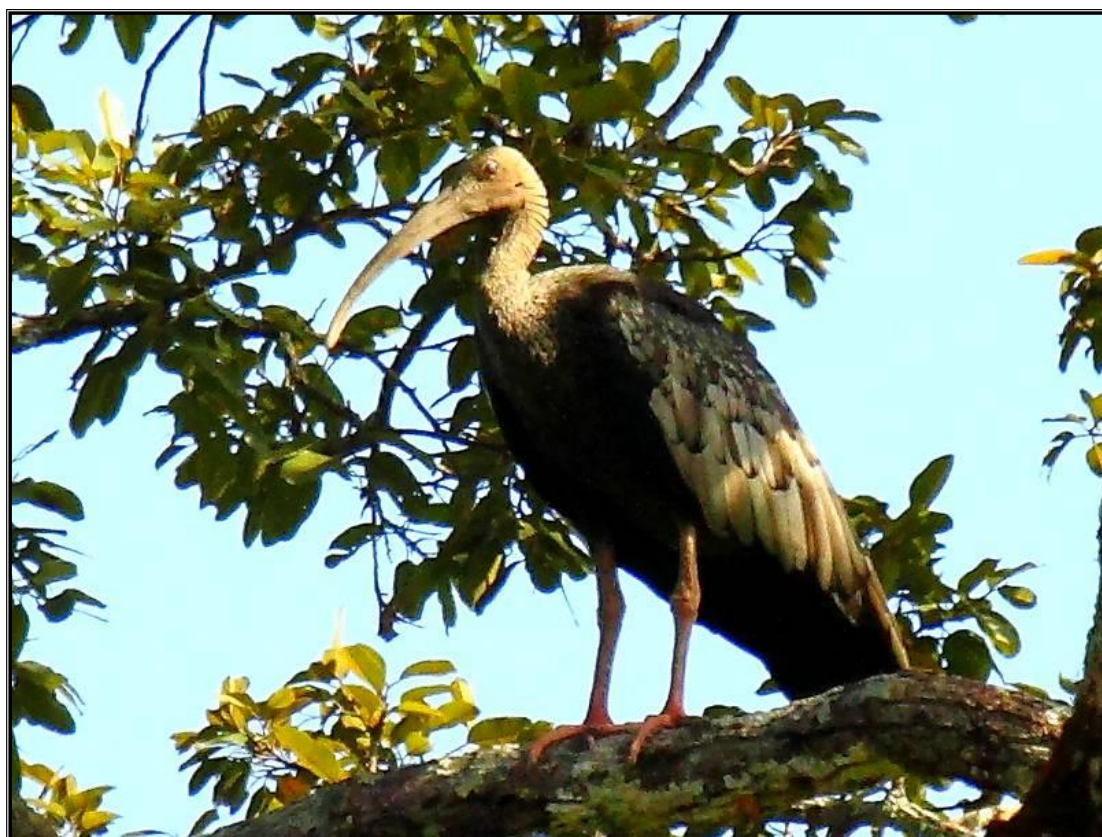
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Best of Birding Cambodia & Vietnam

Trip Report

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Giant Ibis at Tmatboey by Glen Valentine

Trip Report compiled by Tour Leader: Glen Valentine



Tour Summary

The south-east Asian countries of Cambodia and Vietnam harbour some of Asia's most



Grey-crowned Crocias by Luyen Nguyen

tantalizing species, including a host of endemics, near-endemics and other specialties that are tough or impossible to see elsewhere in their limited distributions. Legendary and iconic avian gems such as Giant and White-shouldered Ibis, White-rumped Falcon, Bengal Florican, Greater Adjutant, Black-headed, Great Slaty and Pale-headed Woodpeckers, Germain's Peacock-Pheasant, Green Peafowl, Bar-bellied Pitta, Red-vented and Indochinese Barbets, Dalat Shrike-babbler, Indochinese Green Magpie, Red-billed Scimitar Babbler, Orange-breasted and Collared

Laughingthrushes, Vietnamese Cutia, Grey-crowned Crocias, Yellow-billed Nuthatch and Vietnamese Greenfinch are just some of the many mouth-watering highlights available on this superb birding adventure. We managed to find and obtain good views of all of these species and many more during our challenging but rewarding Cambodia and Vietnam birding tour. This was our adventure...

After our pre-tour extension of remote eastern Cambodia, where we enjoyed sightings of such mega-ticks as Cambodian Tailorbird, Mekong Wagtail, Pied Harrier, Great Hornbill, Milky Stork and Irrawaddy Dolphin, we began our main 2 ½ week tour of these two neighbouring countries. The trip focused on the best birding localities and targeted the endemics, near-endemics and other sought-after species on offer in each country. Starting off in the delightful city of Siem Reap, we ventured out of town towards the sizable Tonle Sap, the largest lake in south-east Asia. This vast wetland that is partially protected by the Core Reserve in the western

corner of the lake protects important populations of breeding and migratory waterbirds and was our focal point for a full day. Tonle Sap did not disappoint and teemed with all sorts of water-associated bird species. Highlights included Greater and Lesser Adjutants, Spot-billed Pelican,



Prek Toal village on Tonle Sap by Glen Valentine



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Asian Openbill, Black-headed Ibis, Little, Indian and Great Cormorants, Indian Spot-billed Duck, Brahminy Kite and Grey-headed Fish Eagle, while the dense thickets that lined the numerous waterways were also productive and yielded noteworthy species in the form Green-billed Malkoha, stunning Blue-tailed Bee-eater, Greater Coucal, Rufous Woodpecker, Malaysian Pied Fantail, Dusky Warbler, Pin-striped Tit-Babbler and Olive-backed Sunbird. In the late afternoon we visited one of Siem Reap's public parks and here we admired Lyle's and Large Flying foxes roosting in the massive trees dotted around the grounds.

The next day was a long, full day as we struck out early for the nearby "Florican Grasslands"



Bengal Florican by Allan Michaud

this amazing birding experience! The grasslands also turned up many other goodies including the fabulous and rarely-seen King Quail, scarce and extremely skulking Lanceolated and Pallas's Grasshopper Warblers, singing and displaying Horsfield's Bushlark and Oriental Skylark, Stejneger's Stonechat, gorgeous Red Avadavat, Scaly-breasted and Chestnut Munias, Eastern Marsh and Pied Harriers, dozens of Pin-tailed Snipe, and both Richard's and Paddyfield Pipits, while a flock of fabulous Painted Stork was seen in flight overhead. After an extremely successful morning's birding we continued the drive to Tmatboey, our remote destination in northern Cambodia, where we would spend the next three nights.

On the way to the tiny village of Tmatboey we made a stop at the edge of a patch of broad-leaved woodland, which yielded the target species, a handsome male White-rumped Falcon. Our lunch stop was at a small roadside restaurant that was situated in wonderful broad-leaved woodland and a post-lunch foray here turned up some



Pied Harrier by Glen Valentine



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excellent species, namely White-bellied Woodpecker, Greater Flameback, Olive-backed Pipit and Banded Bay Cuckoo. What a fabulous lunch stop!



Changeable Hawk-Eagle by Glen Valentine

Cuckooshrikes, splendid Small Minivet, Burmese Shrike, Black-naped Oriole, White-browed Fantail, shy but mightily impressive Red-billed Blue Magpie, Rufous Treepie, Sooty-headed and Streak-eared Bulbuls, Grey-breasted, Plain and scarce Brown Prinias, localized Burmese Nuthatch and Black-collared Starling. We arrived at our White-shouldered Ibis site just before dusk and positioned ourselves for the quarry. Our timing was perfect and within a few minutes of arriving, a pair of these rare and range-restricted ibis came flying in to roost in a bare tree on the opposite side of the clearing in which we were positioned. Fantastic! With one of the area's biggest targets in the bag we joyfully made our way back to the road and our awaiting 4x4 vehicles. On the walk back we found a Brown Hawk-Owl perched up in a bare tree and took some time to admire it before returning to our camp.



Rufous Treepie by Glen Valentine

Arriving at our basic accommodation in the mid-afternoon, we settled into our rooms and had a short break during the afternoon heat before embarking on a walk that took us into the early evening. The dry, broad-leaved, dipterocarp woodlands around Tmatboey were alive with birds and our short stroll through this beautiful habitat yielded many fabulous species: Oriental Pied Hornbill, our first of many Rufous-winged Buzzards, the tiny Grey-capped Pygmy Woodpecker, Common Woodshrike, Common Iora, Large and Indochinese



Spotted Owlet by Glen Valentine

Our next two full days in the Tmatboey area afforded us views of a wide array of wonderful birds including most of our target species. Our first morning saw us up early and heading out to a potential roost site for the extremely rare, endangered and much desired Giant Ibis. After a lengthy search we finally caught up with this species in the late morning when a single bird flushed up from next





Grey-headed Fish Eagle by Glen Valentine

to the road and alighted in a nearby tree for us to admire and photograph at length. Absolutely awesome! We couldn't have hoped for better views of this extremely sought-after species and with spirits at an all-time high, we could relax and enjoy the rest of the morning's birding, which produced sightings of a noisy family group of spectacular Black-headed Woodpeckers, several large flocks of beautiful Blossom-headed and Red-breasted Parakeets, Crested Serpent Eagle, Changeable Hawk-Eagle, Crested Treeswift, Indian Roller, Common Flameback, Eurasian Hoopoe, sensational Scarlet Minivet, Black-hooded Oriole, localized Indochinese Bushlark and Chestnut-tailed Starling.

Other memorable species encountered during our time in the area included Chinese Francolin, Crested Honey Buzzard, Large Hawk-Cuckoo, Oriental Scops Owl, Spotted Owlet, Savanna Nightjar, Stork-billed and Black-capped Kingfishers, flyover Pale-

capped Pigeon, gigantic Great Slaty and miniscule Yellow-crowned Woodpeckers, Alexandrine Parakeet, Yellow-footed Green Pigeon, Black-crested Bulbul, Radde's, Two-barred and Pale-legged Leaf Warblers, noisy, attractive but rather secretive White-crested Laughingthrush, a male Van Hasselt's Sunbird and a brilliant male Siberian Rubythroat.

From Tmatboey we made our way further east to the even more remote area of Veal Krous where we spent just the one night. Arriving in the late afternoon, we quickly put our bags down in our tented accommodation and embarked on the short walk to the nearby vulture restaurant, the main reason for us visiting this site. Several vultures greeted us upon arrival and were made up of three different species: White-rumped making up the majority with smaller numbers of Red-headed and Slender-billed also in attendance. All three species were seen very well and at length but unfortunately were not actually seen coming down to feed at the carcasses that had been laid out for them.

During our afternoon and morning at Veal Krous we were entertained by many of the species



Lesser Adjutant by Glen Valentine



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already seen at Tmatboey, but we did also find a few different birds in the form of Grey-headed Fish Eagle, Lesser Adjutant, Red-wattled Lapwing, Thick-billed Warbler, Brown Shrike and Scarlet-backed Flowerpecker.

Sadly, Veal Krous marked the end to our Cambodian leg of this epic adventure. From there we made our way back to Siem Reap where we said fond farewells to our wonderful guide, Nara and fabulous drivers. Our plane was punctual and we arrived in Ho Chi Minh City (the old Saigon) in southern Vietnam on time in the late morning. After being met by our Vietnamese assistant and local guide, Minh, we boarded our comfortable, air-conditioned bus and struck out for the famous Cat Tien National Park, one of south-east Asia's best rainforest birding sites and our destination for the next four nights. We arrived at Cat Tien in the late afternoon and boarded the ferry across the river into the national park. This evening we were serenaded by singing Brown Hawk-Owls, Great Eared Nightjars and Collared Scops Owl.



Bar-bellied Pitta by Suppalak Klabdee

Our three full days in Cat Tien gave us some of our best birds and birding of the trip and, although the birding was slow-going and rather challenging at times, we also had many magical moments and immensely productive and bird-filled sessions, which led to us seeing most of the reserves specialties. Forest trails yielded secretive species including the superb Bar-bellied Pitta, immaculate Siberian Blue Robin, Yellow-bellied Warbler, Pale-footed Bush Warbler, Green-legged Partridge, Pale Blue, Tickell's Blue and Blue-and-white Flycatchers, Scaly-



Black-and-red Broadbills by Glen Valentine

crowned and Buff-breasted Babblers, White-rumped Shama and Purple-naped Sunbird, while tracks through the forest and natural clearings at the forest edge gave us the majority of our birds recorded in Cat Tien. These included the near-endemic Germain's Peacock-Pheasant, Black Baza, scarce and often-elusive Ashy-headed Green Pigeon, Square-tailed Drongo-Cuckoo, brilliant Banded Kingfisher, impressive Blue-bearded and Chestnut-headed Bee-eaters, Oriental Pied Hornbill, Lineated, Green-eared and Blue-



eared Barbets, Oriental Dollarbird, Laced and the rare and seldom-seen Pale-headed Woodpeckers, Vernal Hanging Parrot, superb Black-and-red and Banded Broadbills, Bar-winged Flycatcher-Shrike, Large Woodshrike, Great Iora, Ashy and Scarlet Minivets, Ashy, Bronzed, Hair-crested and Greater Racket-tailed Drongos, Stripe-throated, Ochraceous and Grey-eyed Bulbuls, Racket-tailed Treepie, Rufescent Prinia, Dark-necked Tailorbird, Velvet-fronted Nuthatch, Plain Flowerpecker, Ruby-cheeked and Olive-backed Sunbirds, Little Spiderhunter, Forest Wagtail and the Indochinese endemic Grey-faced Tit-Babbler.



Blue-bearded Bee-eater by Glen

We also embarked on two late afternoon drives towards the edge of the reserve and these proved rather productive as we enjoyed excellent views of the incomparable Green Peafowl, Red Turtle Dove, Lesser Coucal, Germain's Swiftlet, Silver-backed Needletail, Vinous-breasted Starling, White-rumped and Scaly-breasted Munias, and Chestnut-capped Babbler. Several mammal species were also encountered on these drives including Indian Muntjac, Sambar, while other noteworthy mammals found during our time in Cat Tien included the gorgeous Yellow-cheeked Crested Gibbon, localized and highly-threatened Black-shanked Douc, Long-tailed and Northern Pig-tailed Macaques and Northern Slender-tailed Treeshrew.

One of the absolute highlights of our time in Cat Tien was finding a massive fruiting tree that hung right over the road and which attracted all sorts of wonderful birds. We visited this tree on several occasions and spent quite some time here enjoying the feeding frenzy of Thick-billed, Pin-tailed and Ashy-headed Green Pigeons, Green Imperial Pigeon, Golden-crested and Common Hill Mynas and Coppersmith Barbet.

Our afternoon drives returned after dusk and these, coupled with night walks around the camp, produced several rewarding nocturnal species, namely Collared Scops Owl, Brown Hawk-Owl and magnificent Great Eared and Large-tailed Nightjars. The harrier-like Great Eared Nightjars were particularly impressive and common here, being seen in good numbers each evening at dusk as dozens would emerge from their roosting sites to begin feeding.

From Cat Tien we made our way into the Vietnamese highlands and spent the night at Di Linh. This served as an excellent base to explore the nearby Deo Sui Lanh Pass and its luscious, verdant



Mrs. Gould's Sunbird by Glen Valentine



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forests. Our afternoon on the pass unfortunately coincided with cool, overcast and rainy weather, which made birding extremely challenging. However, we still managed to find several of the pass's specialties such as Pin-tailed Green Pigeon, Mountain Imperial Pigeon, Red-vented and Indochinese Barbets, Lesser Racket-tailed Drongo, Flavescent Bulbul, Arctic Warbler, Mountain Fulvetta, Black-throated Bushtit, Fire-breasted Flowerpecker, Crimson Sunbird, Streaked Spiderhunter and Grey Wagtail.

The next morning on the pass was much more pleasant and we were treated to a clear and bird-filled morning. Species came thick and fast from the first rays of light and highlights were numerous. These included Blue Whistling Thrush, Yellow-billed Nuthatch, Indochinese Green Magpie, spectacular Red-headed Trogon, Maroon Oriole, ultra-showy and vociferous Red-billed Scimitar Babbler, White-cheeked and incredibly secretive Black-hooded Laughingthrushes, White-bellied Erpornis, Dark-sided, Mugimaki and Verditer Flycatchers, Rufous-capped Babbler, Black-headed Parrotbill and White-throated Rock Thrush amongst many others.



Crested Honey Buzzard by Glen Valentine

After a productive morning on Deo Sui Lanh Pass it was time to make our way to our final destination of the trip, the vibrant but pleasant highland town of Da Lat. Only a short drive away, we arrived at our comfortable hotel in town in the mid-afternoon and immediately ventured out for some initial birding in the Ta Nung Valley. Unfortunately the wind was howling and birding was near-impossible. Strong wind and overcast and cool conditions proved to be the trend for the duration of our time at Da Lat but we made the most of the situation despite the less than ideal weather and still managed to find all of Da Lat's endemic and near-endemic species, as well as most of the area's other highly acclaimed specialties. Birding famous sites such as the Ta Nung Valley, the coniferous and broad-leaved forests around the Ho Tuyen Lam Dam, as well as the trail up Mt. Lang Biang yielded the target birds, which added up and we departed Da Lat with an impressive list of mouth-watering species.

We made several trips into the Ta Nung valley in order to find all of our target species here, and our forays eventually yielded the near-mythical Grey-crowned Crocias, which showed sensationally well, skulking Orange-breasted and White-cheeked Laughingthrushes, Dalat Shrike-babbler, Black-headed and Rufous-backed Sibia, furtive Rufous-browed Flycatcher, Red-vented and Indochinese Barbets, and also Indochinese Green Magpie, while other more widespread but no less exciting species included Barred Cuckoo-Dove, Thick-billed Green Pigeon, Mountain Imperial Pigeon, Square-tailed Drongo-Cuckoo, Greater Yellownappe, Bay Woodpecker, Indochinese Cuckooshrike, White-throated Fantail, Grey-headed Canary-Flycatcher, Mountain, Flavescent and Black Bulbuls, Grey-throated Babbler, dazzling Asian



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Fairy-bluebird, Little Pied Flycatcher, Mrs. Gould's and Black-throated Sunbirds, and Streaked Spiderhunter.

During our explorations of the beautiful pine and broad-leaved forests that surround Ho Tuyen Lam Dam we were rewarded with such noteworthy species as the endemic Vietnamese Greenfinch, Hill Prinia, Wedge-tailed Green Pigeon, Slender-billed Oriole, Green-backed Tit, the unique Red Crossbill, Chestnut-vented Nuthatch, Long-tailed Minivet, Grey-faced Buzzard, Crested Honey Buzzard, Eurasian Jay, Black-collared Starling, Eyebrowed and Japanese Thrushes, Grey Bush Chat, Collared Owllet, Large Niltava, secretive and exquisite White-tailed Robin, Black-throated Bushtit, Blue-winged Minla, Kloss's and Eastern Crowned Warblers, incredible Long-tailed Broadbill and striking White-browed Scimitar Babbler.



Little Pied Flycatcher by Glen Valentine

The last new site that we visited in the Da Lat area was Mt. Lang Biang; home to most of the area's famed endemics and the only site for a number of species occurring in the Da Lat area.



Collared Laughingthrush by Luyen Nguyen

The short trail that leads through the beautiful, moss-draped, broad-leaved evergreen forest on the upper slope of the mountain produced some sensational birding, with highlights including the striking, endemic Collared Laughingthrush, Dalat and Clicking Shrike-babblers, Mountain and endemic Black-crowned Fulvettas, Yellow-cheeked Tit, Blyth's Leaf, White-spectacled, Grey-cheeked and Chestnut-crowned Warblers, Mountain Tailorbird and Grey-bellied Tesia, while the coniferous forest right around the parking area gave us the highly sought-after and rather elusive Vietnamese Cutia as well as Grey-headed Woodpecker, Mrs. Gould's Sunbird, Green-backed Tit, Chestnut-vented Nuthatch and Grey-chinned Minivet.

Alas, it was time to bid farewell to Vietnam and its beautiful forests, awe-inspiring scenery and friendly people, and make our way back to Ho Chi Minh City to connect with our international flights back home.

BIRDS (318 species recorded (305 seen and 13 heard (H) only))



(H) = Heard Only; (VE) = Endemic to Vietnam; (CE) = Endemic to Cambodia (VNE) = Near-endemic to Vietnam; (CNE) = Near-endemic to Cambodia; (RE) = Regional (Indochinese) Endemic; NP = National Park

Annotated List of Birds recorded

Nomenclature and taxonomy follows Gill, F & D Donsker (Eds). 2015. IOC World Bird List (v 5.1). Names in round brackets refer to the alternative name for the species.

Pheasants & Partridges Phasianidae

Chinese Francolin

Francolinus pintadeanus

Heard and seen at Tmatboey and Veal Krous.

King (Blue-breasted) Quail

Excalfactoria coromandelica

Two seen in flight in the Florican Grasslands near Kampong Thom.

Bar-backed Partridge (H)

Arborophila chloropus

Heard in the Ta Nung Valley.

Green-legged (Scaly-breasted) Partridge

Arborophila chloropus

Several seen and many more heard in Cat Tien NP.

Red Junglefowl (H)

Gallus gallus

Heard near Ho Tuyen Lam Dam.

Germain's Peacock-Pheasant (VNE) (RE)

Polyplectron germaini

One of the major trip highlights! Heard and seen on three occasions in Cat Tien NP.

Green Peafowl

Pavo muticus

One of the birds of the trip! Several males and females seen on two separate afternoons in Cat Tien NP.

Swans, Geese & Ducks Anatidae

Indian (Asian) Spot-billed Duck

Anas poecilorhyncha

Seen on Tonle Sap and in the Florican Grasslands.

Grebes Podicipedidae

Little Grebe (Dabchick)

Tachybaptus ruficollis

Seen on Tonle Sap and again on Ho Tuyen Lam Dam.

Storks Ciconidae

Painted Stork

Mycteria leucocephala

A small group flew overhead while birding the Florican Grasslands.

Asian Openbill

Anastomus oscitans

Several seen on Tonle Sap.

Woolly-necked Stork

Ciconia episcopus

Seen at Tmatboey, Veal Krous and Cat Tien NP.

Lesser Adjutant

Leptoptilos javanicus

First seen on Tonle Sap and then again at Tmatboey, Veal Krous and Cat Tien.

Greater Adjutant

Leptoptilos dubius

Another great bird! A few birds were seen in flight over the Core Reserve on Tonle Sap.



Ibises, Spoonbills *Threskiornithidae*

Black-headed Ibis

Threskiornis melanocephalus

A few birds seen at Tonle Sap and in the Florican Grasslands.

White-shouldered Ibis

Pseudibis davisoni

Another trip highlight! Two birds were seen in flight and then perched in the scope on our first afternoon at Tmatboey.

Giant Ibis (CNE) (RE)

Pseudibis gigantea

One of the prizes of the trip! We were fortunate to have found this species during our time at Tmatboey where we were treated to superb views of a single bird.

Hérons, Egrets & Bitterns *Ardeidae*

Chinese Pond Heron

Ardeola bacchus

Seen every single day of the trip, albeit in non-breeding plumage.

Eastern Cattle Egret

Bubulcus(ibis) coromanda

Seen on almost every day.

NOTE: This group may be split into 2 species, the nominate Common Cattle Egret and the Asian/Australasian Eastern Cattle Egret (E. coromanda). This split is as yet not recognised by Clements.

Grey Heron

Ardea cinerea

Fair numbers on Tonle Sap, in the Florican Grasslands and at Veal Krous.

Purple Heron

Ardea purpurea

Seen in flight over the Florican Grasslands.

(Eastern) Great Egret

Ardea alba

Seen at Tonle Sap and in the Florican Grasslands.

Intermediate (Yellow-billed) Egret

Egretta intermedia

Only seen at Tonle Sap.

Little Egret

Egretta garzetta

Seen at Tonle Sap, in the Florican Grasslands and at Veal Krous.

Pelicans *Pelecanidae*

Spot-billed Pelican

Pelecanus philippensis

Excellent views were had at Tonle Sap with a few more seen in flight over the Florican Grasslands.

Cormorants *Phalacrocoracidae*

Little Cormorant

Microcarbo (Phalacrocorax) niger

Only seen at Tonle Sap.

Indian Cormorant

Phalacrocorax fuscicollis

Quite good numbers at Tonle Sap.

Great Cormorant

Carbo carbo

A few seen on Tonle Sap.

Darters *Anhingidae*

Oriental Darter

Anhinga melanogaster

Seen at Tonle Sap.

Osprey *Pandionidae*

Western Osprey

Pandion haliaetus

Seen in Cat Tien NP and on Ho Tuyen Lam Dam.



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NOTE: IOC splits Osprey into two species: Western Osprey *P. haliaetus* and Eastern Osprey *P. cristatus*. Clements does not recognize this split.

Hawks, Kites, Eagles & Vultures Accipitridae

Black-winged (shouldered) Kite

Elanus caeruleus

A few seen on the drive to Cat Tien with another sighting near Ho Tuyen Lam Dam.

NOTE: This species is sometimes split into Black-winged Kite, *E. caeruleus* of Africa and Asia, White-tailed Kite, *E. leucurus* of the Americas and Black-shouldered Kite, *E. axillaris* of Australasia. Both Clements and the IOC accept these splits.

Crested (Oriental) Honey Buzzard

Pernis ptilorhynchus

Singletons seen at Tmatboey, Veal Krous and near Ho Tuyen Lam Dam.

Black Baza

Aviceda leuphotes

After brief views of this species at Tmatboey we enjoyed a good sighting of this striking raptor in flight at Cat Tien NP.

White-rumped Vulture

Gyps bengalensis

Several seen on consecutive days at Veal Krous.

Slender-billed Vulture

Gyps tenuirostris

One sub-adult bird seen at Veal Krous.

Red-headed Vulture

Sarcogyps calvus

At least two seen at Veal Krous.

Crested Serpent Eagle

Spilornis cheela

Regularly seen at Tmatboey and Veal Krous and also encountered at Cat Tien NP.

Changeable Hawk-Eagle

Nisaetus cirrhatus

Good views of this species at Tmatboey.

Mountain Hawk-Eagle

Nisaetus nipalensis

One bird seen in flight in the distance near Ho Tuyen Lam Dam.

Shikra

Accipiter badius

Seen at Tmatboey and in Cat Tien NP.

Eastern Marsh Harrier

Circus spilonotus

Good views over the Florican Grasslands.

Pied Harrier

Circus melanoleucos

A male was seen in flight over the Florican Grasslands.

Black Kite

Milvus migrans

Only seen around Ho Chi Minh City.

NOTE: Some authorities, such as the IOC, treat the resident African subspecies of this raptor as a separate species, Yellow-billed Kite *M. aegyptius*. This is not accepted by Clements. Occasionally an Asian race of Black Kite *M. lineatus* is split as a separate species, Black-eared Kite. This is seldom accepted.

Brahminy Kite

Haliastur indus

Two seen well in flight at Tonle Sap.

Grey-headed Fish Eagle

Haliaeetus ichthyaetus

Seen in the distance at Tonle Sap with better, closer perched views at Veal Krous.

Rufous-winged Buzzard

Butastur liventer

Commonly seen at Tmatboey and Veal Krous.

Grey-faced Buzzard

Butastur indicus

A single bird was seen in flight near Ho Tuyen Lam Dam.

Bustards Otididae

Bengal Florican

Houbaropsis bengalensis

Incredible views (10 sightings) of at least 6 separate birds were had in the Florican Grasslands near Kampong Thom. Sensational!



Rails, Gallinules & Coots *Rallidae*

Watercock

Gallicrex cinerea

Dave had one in the Florican Grasslands.

Plovers & Lapwings *Charadriidae*

Red-wattled Lapwing

Vanellus indicus

A few sightings at Tmatboey, Veal Krous and in Cat Tien NP.

Sandpipers & Allies *Scolopacidae*

Pin-tailed Snipe

Gallinago stenura

Good flight views of many birds in the Florican Grasslands.

Doves & Pigeons *Columbidae*

Rock Dove (Pigeon)

Columba livia

Commonly seen around towns and cities.

Pale-capped Pigeon

Columba punicea

Dave was very fortunate to have seen this species in flight at Tmatboey.

Red Turtle Dove

Streptopelia tranquebarica

Seen on 6 separate days.

Spotted Dove

Streptopelia chinensis

Common and seen on almost every day.

Barred Cuckoo-Dove

Macropygia unchall

Seen well in the Ta Nung Valley and at Ho Tuyen Lam Dam.

Common Emerald Dove

Chalcophaps indica

Brief flight views were had at Deo Sui Lanh Pass and in the Ta Nung Valley.

NOTE: The IOC has recently split the race C. longirostris of Australasia as a separate species Pacific Emerald Dove. We recorded the nominate on our tour C. indica. This split is not currently recognized by Clements.

Zebra Dove

Geopelia striata

Only seen around Siem Reap.

Ashy-headed (Pompadour) Green Pigeon

Treron phayrei

Excellent views of this scarce species in Cat Tien NP.

Thick-billed Green Pigeon

Treron curvirostra

Sensational views of many birds in Cat Tien NP, especially around a massive fruiting tree. Also seen in the Ta Nung Valley.

Yellow-footed Green Pigeon

Treron phoenicopterus

Good perched views at Tmatboey.

Pin-tailed Green Pigeon

Treron apicauda

Good scope views at Deo Sui Lanh Pass.

Wedge-tailed Green Pigeon

Treron sphenurus

Excellent views of 6 birds near Ho Tuyen Lam Dam.

Green Imperial Pigeon

Ducula aenea

First seen at Tmatboey and then regularly seen in Cat Tien NP.

Mountain Imperial Pigeon

Ducula badia

Seen on consecutive days on Deo Sui Lanh Pass and daily around Da Lat.

Cuckoos *Cuculidae*

Greater Coucal

Centropus sinensis



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Seen at Tonle Sap and in Cat Tien NP.

Lesser Coucal

Centropus bengalensis

Good views were had of several birds in Cat Tien NP.

Green-billed Malkoha

Phaenicophaeus tristis

First seen at Tonle Sap and later in Cat Tien NP. Also seen in the Ta Nung Valley.

Chestnut-winged Cuckoo

Clamator coromandus

Seen from the restaurant in Cat Tien NP.

Banded Bay Cuckoo

Cacomantis sonneratii

Seen at a lunch stop en route to Tmatboey.

Square-tailed (Asian) Drongo-Cuckoo

Surniculus lugubris

Seen on several occasions in Cat Tien NP and in the Da Lat area.

Large Hawk-Cuckoo

Hierococcyx (Cuculus) sparveroides

Seen in flight at Tmatboey and again in the Da Lat area. Several birds seen in flight could not be identified and most likely refer to Rufous (Northern) Hawk-Cuckoo.

Typical Owls *Strigidae*

Collared Scops Owl

Otus lettia

Excellent, close views were had of this tricky-to-see species at Cat Tien NP.

Oriental Scops Owl

Otus sunia

Fabulous, close views were enjoyed at Tmatboey.

Brown Fish Owl

Ketupa zeylonensis

Brief flight views were had at Tmatboey.

Spotted Wood Owl (H)

Strix seloputo

Unfortunately just heard in the distance on two days at Tmatboey.

Collared Owlet

Glaucidium brodiei

Heard on Deo Sui Lanh Pass and at Ho Tuyen Lam Dam and good perched views were later had near Ho Tuyen Lam Dam.

Asian Barred Owlet (H)

Glaucidium cuculoides

Heard almost daily on the trip. No attempt was made to see this common species since everyone had already seen it on the extension or on pre-tour outings.

Spotted Owlet

Athene brama

Good views were had of one in the afternoon at Tmatboey.

Brown Hawk-Owl (Boobook)

Ninox scutulata

Heard and seen on almost every evening at Cat Tien NP. First seen at Tmatboey.

Nightjars & Allies *Caprimulgidae*

Great Eared Nightjar

Eurostopodus macrotis

Good flight views were had in Cat Tien NP on most evenings with up to around 10 birds being visible at one time! Incredible!

Large-tailed Nightjar

Caprimulgus macrurus

Good perched and flight views were had at Cat Tien NP.

Savanna Nightjar

Caprimulgus affinis

Good flight views of a female during the day at Tmatboey.

Treeswifts *Hemiprocnidae*

Crested Treeswift

Hemiproctes coronata

Seen daily in the Tmatboey and Veal Krous areas.



Swifts Apodidae

- Germain's Swiftlet** *Aerodromus germani*
Seen daily in Cat Tien NP.
- Silver-backed Needletail** *Hirundapus cochinchinensis*
Good flight views were had of around 20 birds one afternoon in Cat Tien NP.
- Asian Palm Swift** *Cypsiurus balasiensis*
Commonly seen throughout.
- Pacific Swift** *Apus pacificus*
Seen in flight at the edge of Cat Tien NP and on Deo Sui Lanh Pass.
- House Swift** *Apus nipalensis*
Seen around Da Lat.

Trogons Trogonidae

- Orange-breasted Trogon** *Harpactes oreskios*
After brief encounters with nervous individuals we finally obtained superb views of a pair in Cat Tien NP.
- Red-headed Trogon** *Harpactes erythrocephalus*
Several rather brief sightings were had in Cat Tien NP.

Rollers Coraciidae

- Indian Roller** *Coracias benghalensis*
Seen on most days in the lowlands.
- Oriental Dollarbird** *Eurystomus orientalis*
Good views at Cat Tien NP.

Kingfishers Alcedinidae

- Banded Kingfisher** *Lacedo pulchella*
Fabulous, extended scope views were had of a female in Cat Tien NP.
- Stork-billed Kingfisher** *Pelargopsis capensis*
Flight views were had of a singleton at Tmatboey.
- White-throated Kingfisher** *Halcyon smyrnensis*
Seen on several occasions throughout.
- Black-capped Kingfisher** *Halcyon pileata*
A stunning species that was seen at Tonle Sap and in the Tmatboey area.
- Common Kingfisher** *Alcedo atthis*
Seen at Tonle Sap.

Bee-eaters Meropidae

- Blue-bearded Bee-eater** *Nyctornis athertoni*
Several good sightings were had in Cat Tien NP. Also seen in the Ta Nung Valley.
- Green Bee-eater** *Merops orientalis*
Seen commonly during the first 5 days of the tour.
- Blue-tailed Bee-eater** *Merops philippinus*
Superb views were had at Tonle Sap. Also seen in the Florican Grasslands.
- Chestnut-headed Bee-eater** *Merops leschenaulti*
Good views of several birds at Cat Tien NP.

Hoopoes Upupidae



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Eurasian Hoopoe

Upupa epops

Singletons seen at Tmatboey and Veal Krous.

NOTE: The Hoopoe complex has had a confusing taxonomic history, with one to four species being recognised by various authorities. Clements splits the group into two forms, Madagascar U. marginalis and Eurasian U. epops. The most generally accepted treatment is that of three species, Madagascar, Eurasian and African. The IOC accepts the splits of Madagascar, African and Eurasian Hoopoes.

Hornbills *Bucerotidae*

Oriental Pied Hornbill

Anthracoceros albirostris

Seen well at Tmatboey and again in Cat Tien NP.

Barbets *Capitonidae*

Red-vented Barbet (RE)

Megalaima lagrandieri

Seen in Cat Tien NP, on Deo Sui Lanh Pass and in the Ta Nung Valley.

Lineated Barbet

Megalaima lineata

Commonly seen at most sites.

Green-eared Barbet

Megalaima faiostricta

Good views were had in Cat Tien NP.

Golden-throated Barbet (H)

Megalaima franklinii

Unfortunately only heard in the distance on one occasion on Deo Sui Lanh Pass.

Indochinese (Assam) Barbet (VNE) (RE)

Megalaima annamensis

Seen very well on several occasions on Deo Sui Lanh Pass and throughout the Da Lat area.

Blue-eared Barbet

Megalaima australis

This tiny barbet showed well in Cat Tien NP.

Coppersmith Barbet

Megalaima haemacephala

Seen well in Cat Tien NP.

Woodpeckers *Picidae*

White-browed Piculet (H)

Sasia ochracea

Unfortunately only heard in a dense bamboo thicket in Cat Tien NP.

Heart-spotted Woodpecker (H)

Hemicircus canente

Heard on one occasion in Cat Tien NP.

Grey-capped Pygmy Woodpecker

Dendrocopos canicapillus

A tiny woodpecker that was seen daily in the Tmatboey and Veal Krous areas.

Yellow-crowned Woodpecker

Dendrocopos mahrattensis

Good views of one at Tmatboey.

White-bellied Woodpecker

Dryocopus javensis

This large, striking woodpecker was seen at a lunch stop en route to Tmatboey and in Cat Tien NP.

Greater Yellownape

Picus flavinucha

Brief but good views were had of a single bird that flew into pishing in the Ta Nung Valley.

Laced Woodpecker

Picus vittatus

Good views in Cat Tien NP.

Black-headed Woodpecker

Picus erythropygius

A spectacular bird, we enjoyed several excellent sightings of pairs and family groups at Tmatboey.

Grey-headed (faced) Woodpecker

Picus canus

Roger and Minh had this species at the start of the trail up Mt. Lang Biang.

Common Flameback

Dinopium javanense



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Several views had at Tmatboey.

Greater Flameback

Chrysocolaptes lucidus

Seen at our lunch stop en route to Tmatboey.

Pale-headed Woodpecker

Gecinulus grantia

Another trip highlight and a very difficult bird to find! We enjoyed fabulous views of a pair in dense bamboo in Cat Tien NP.

Bay Woodpecker

Blythipicus pyrrhotis

Heard on a few occasions and seen briefly in the Ta Nung Valley.

Rufous Woodpecker

Micropternus brachyurus

Good views on our first morning while boating on Tonle Sap.

Great Slaty Woodpecker

Mulleripicus pulverulentus

Encounters with this, the largest extant woodpecker, were had at Tmatboey and Veal Krous.

Falcons & Caracaras *Falconidae*

White-rumped Falcon

Polihierax insignis

Wonderful views of this scarce and range-restricted falcon en route to Tmatboey.

Collared Falconet

Microhierax caerulescens

Dave had a group of six sitting out in the morning at Veal Krous.

Parrots, Macaws & Allies *Psittacidae*

Vernal Hanging-Parrot

Loriculus vernalis

Seen daily in flight over Cat Tien NP. We did also manage to eventually achieve perched views of these tiny parrots.

Alexandrine Parakeet

Psittacula eupatria

Seen in flight on one occasion at Tmatboey.

Blossom-headed Parakeet

Psittacula roseate

Fairly commonly seen in the Tmatboey area with further sightings at Cat Tien NP.

Red-breasted Parakeet

Psittacula alexandri

Seen well at Tmatboey and again in Cat Tien NP.

Broadbills *Eurylaimidae*

Black-and-red Broadbill

Cymbirhynchus macrorhynchos

Fabulous views of this species on several occasions in Cat Tien NP.

Long-tailed Broadbill

Psarisomus dalhousiae

Good but brief views were had of a group of four birds near Ho Tuyen Lam Dam. Also heard on the Deo Sui Lan Pass.

Banded Broadbill

Eurylaimus javanicus

Sensational scope views were enjoyed of this cracking bird in Cat Tien NP.

Pittas *Pittidae*

Blue-rumped Pitta (H)

Hydrornis soror

Despite our best efforts, this rarely seen species was unfortunately only heard on a few occasions in Cat Tien NP.

Bar-bellied Pitta (RE)

Hydrornis elliotii

Good views were had of this stunning pitta on several occasions in Cat Tien NP.

Woodshrikes and allies *Tephrodornithidae*

Bar-winged Flycatcher-shrike

Hemipus picatus



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A few birds seen in Cat Tien NP, on Deo Sui Lanh Pass and in the Da Lat area.

Large Woodshrike *Tephrodornis virgatus*

One seen in Cat Tien NP on our final morning there.

Common Woodshrike *Tephrodornis pondicerianus*

Fair numbers seen daily in the Tmatboey and Veal Krous areas.

Woodswallows *Artamidae*

Ashy Woodswallow *Artamus fuscus*

Commonly seen in Cat Tien NP.

Ioras *Aegithinidae*

Common Iora *Aegithina tiphia*

Seen at Tmatboey and in Cat Tien NP.

Great Iora *Aegithina lafresnayei*

Good views were had on a few occasions in Cat Tien NP.

Cuckooshrikes *Campephagidae*

Large Cuckooshrike *Coracina macei*

Seen on a few occasions at Tmatboey, Veal Krous and near Ho Tuyen Lam Dam.

Indochinese Cuckooshrike *Coracina polioptera*

Seen at Tmatboey, in Cat Tien NP, Deo Sui Lanh and daily in the Da Lat area.

Ashy Minivet *Pericrocotus divaricatus*

Small flocks seen most days in Cat Tien NP.

Small Minivet *Pericrocotus cinnamomeus*

Commonly found at Tmatboey.

Grey-chinned Minivet *Pericrocotus solaris*

Seen at the start of the trail up Mt. Lang Biang.

Long-tailed Minivet *Pericrocotus ethologus*

A small group was encountered near Ho Tuyen Lam Dam.

Scarlet Minivet *Pericrocotus flammeus*

This stunner was seen at Tmatboey, Cat Tien and Deo Sui Lanh Pass.

Shrikes *Laniidae*

Brown Shrike *Lanius cristatus*

Seen at Veal Krous and in the Da Lat area.

Burmese Shrike *Lanius collurioides*

Seen rather frequently at Tmatboey and in the Da Lat area.

Vireos, Greenlets *Vireonidae*

White-bellied Erpornis (Yuhina) *Erpornis zantholeuca*

Two separate sightings were had on Deo Sui Lanh Pass.

Dalat (White-browed) Shrike-Babbler (VNE) (RE) *Pteruthius aeralatus*

A pair was seen on the upper reaches of the Mt. Lang Biang Trail and another male was seen in the Ta Nung Valley.

Clicking (Chestnut-fronted) Shrike-Babbler *Pternthus aenobarbus*

Excellent views of a male near the summit of the Mt. Lang Biang Trail.

NOTE: This species has recently been split up by the IOC into Clicking and Trilling Shrike-babblers. The species we



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observed is Clicking Shrike-babbler, *P. intermedius*. The nominate Trilling Shrike-babbler *P. aenobarbus* is confined to Java.

Old World Orioles *Oriolidae*

- Slender-billed Oriole** *Oriolus tenuirostris*
Several seen in pine forest at Ho Tuyen Lam Dam.
- Black-naped Oriole** *Oriolus chinensis*
Seen at Tmatboey and then daily in Cat Tien NP.
- Black-hooded Oriole** *Oriolus xanthornus*
Seen almost daily throughout the lowlands.
- Maroon Oriole** *Oriolus traillii*
Excellent views of this species on Deo Sui Lanh Pass.

Drongos *Dicruridae*

- Black Drongo** *Dicrurus macrocercus*
Seen almost every day.
- Ashy Drongo** *Dicrurus leucophaeus*
Another common species, seen on most days.
- Bronzed Drongo** *Dicrurus aeneus*
First seen at Tmatboey and thereafter every day in Vietnam.
- Lesser Racket-tailed Drongo** *Dicrurus remifer*
This spectacular drongo was seen a few times on Deo Sui Lanh Pass.
- Hair-crested Drongo** *Dicrurus hottentottus*
Seen daily in Cat Tien NP.
NOTE: Clements splits this species into two species: Hair-crested Drongo D. hottentottus and Tablas Drongo D. menagei whereas IOC only recognizes one species, Hair-crested Drongo D. hottentottus.
- Greater Racket-tailed Drongo** *Dicrurus paradiseus*
Also seen daily in Cat Tien NP.

Fantails *Rhipiduridae*

- White-throated Fantail** *Rhipidura albicollis*
Seen daily in the Da Lat area.
- White-browed Fantail** *Rhipidura aureola*
Seen daily at Tmatboey and Veal Krous.
- Malaysian Pied Fantail** *Rhipidura javanica*
Only seen in thickets on Tonle Sap.

Monarch Flycatchers *Monarchidae*

- Black-naped Monarch** *Hypothymis azurea*
Commonly heard and seen on a few occasions in Cat Tien NP.
- Asian Paradise Flycatcher (H)** *Terpsiphone paradisi*
Unfortunately only heard in the Tmatboey area.

Crows, Jays & Magpies *Corvidae*

- Eurasian Jay** *Garrulus glandarius*
A few pairs were seen at Ho Tuyen Lam Dam.
- Red-billed Blue Magpie** *Urocissa erythrorhyncha*
This stunning bird was only seen at Tmatboey.
- Indochinese (Short-tailed/Yellow-breasted) Green Magpie (RE)** *Cissa hypoleuca*



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Seen briefly on a few occasions on Deo Sui Lanh Pass and in the Ta Nung Valley. An extremely shy species!

Rufous Treepie

Dendrocitta vagabunda

Several good sightings at Tmatboey.

Racket-tailed Treepie

Crypsirina temia

Seen briefly on Tonle Sap and then much better later on in Cat Tien NP.

Eastern Jungle (Large-billed) Crow

Corvus levaillanti

Seen daily in the lowlands of Cambodia.

NOTE: IOC splits Large-billed Crow into three species: Large-billed Crow C. macrorhynchos, Eastern Jungle Crow C. levaillanti, and Indian Jungle Crow C. culminatus. Clements does not recognize these splits.

Fairy Flycatchers *Stenostiridae*

Grey-headed Canary-Flycatcher

Culicicapa ceylonensis

First seen on Deo Sui Lanh Pass and then almost daily in the Da Lat area.

Chickadees & Tits *Paridae*

Green-backed Tit

Parus monticolus

Good views of several birds in the Da Lat area.

Yellow-cheeked Tit

Parus spilonotus

A pair was seen along the Mt. Lang Biang Trail.

Larks *Alaudidae*

Horsfield's (Australasian) Bushlark

Mirafrja javanica

Good flight and perched views were had in the Florican Grasslands.

Indochinese Bush Lark

Mirafrja erythrocephala

Superb views were enjoyed of this specialty at Tmatboey.

Oriental Skylark

Alauda gulgula

This species was seen in display flight in the Florican Grasslands.

Bulbuls *Pycnonotidae*

Black-crested Bulbul

Pycnonotus melanicterus

Seen at Tmatboey and throughout Vietnam.

Red-whiskered Bulbul

Pycnonotus jocosus

Seen in the Tmatboey area.

Sooty-headed Bulbul

Pycnonotus aurigaster

Abundant and seen throughout the tour.

Stripe-throated Bulbul

Pycnonotus finlaysoni

Seen daily in Cat Tien NP.

Flavescent Bulbul

Pycnonotus flavescent

Good views on Deo Sui Lanh Pass and in the Da Lat area.

Yellow-vented Bulbul

Pycnonotus goiavier

Only seen at our hotel in Siem Reap.

Streak-eared Bulbul

Pycnonotus blanfordi

Seen in the lowlands on 7 separate dates.

Puff-throated Bulbul

Criniger pallidus

A rather shy species that was seen on the Deo Sui Lanh Pass.

Ochraceous Bulbul

Criniger ochraceus

Two birds seen briefly on our final morning in Cat Tien NP.



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Grey-eyed Bulbul

Iole propinqua

Good views of several birds in Cat Tien NP.

Mountain Bulbul

Ixos mcclellandii

Seen daily in the Da Lat area.

Ashy Bulbul (H)

Hemixos flavala

Only heard on one occasion in the Ta Nung Valley.

NOTE: IOC splits this species into two species: Ashy Bulbul H. flavala and Cinereous Bulbul H. cinereus, whereas Clements only recognizes one species, Ashy Bulbul H. flavala.

Black Bulbul

Hypsipetes leucocephalus

Large numbers seen in the Vietnamese highlands.

Swallows *Hirundinidae*

Sand Martin (Bank Swallow)

Riparia riparia

Small numbers seen on Tonle Sap and over the Florican Grasslands.

Barn Swallow

Hirundo rustica

Abundant and seen every day.

Red-rumped Swallow

Cecropis daurica

Commonly seen throughout the lowlands.

Cettia bush Warblers & allies *Cettidae*

Yellow-bellied Warbler

Abroscopus superciliosus

Only seen in bamboo in Cat Tien NP.

Mountain Tailorbird

Phyllergates (Orthotomus) cucullatus

Heard on a few occasions, with brief sightings near Ho Tuyen Lam Dam, in the Ta Nung Valley and on the Mt. Lang Biang Trail.

Grey-bellied Tesia

Tesia cyaniventer

Heard and seen briefly along the trail up Mt. Lang Biang.

Pale-footed Bush Warbler

Urosphena pallidipes

Good views of this understory species in Cat Tien NP.

Bushtits *Aegithalidae*

Black-throated (Grey-crowned) Bushtit (Tit) (VE if split) *Aegithalos concinnus*

First seen on Deo Sui Lanh Pass and then again near Ho Tuyen Lam Dam.

If split, the race seen on this trip would become a Vietnamese endemic: Grey-crowned Bushtit Aegithalos annamensis. Neither IOC nor Clements recognize this split as yet.

Leaf Warblers & Allies *Phylloscopidae*

Dusky Warbler

Phylloscopus fuscatus

Several sightings were had in thickets on Tonle Sap and in the Florican Grasslands.

Radde's Warbler

Phylloscopus schwarzi

Excellent views of this rather skulking warbler at Tmatboey and Veal Krous.

Yellow-browed Warbler

Phylloscopus inornatus

Abundant throughout!

Arctic Warbler

Phylloscopus borealis

Seen on Deo Sui Lanh Pass.

Two-barred (Greenish) Warbler

Phylloscopus plumbeitarsus

Seen on a few occasions at Tmatboey and in Cat Tien NP.

NOTE: The Greenish Warbler complex has recently been split into two species: Greenish Warbler P. trochiloides & Two-barred Warbler P. plumbeitarsus. IOC recognizes this split but Clements does not.



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Pale-legged Leaf Warbler

Phylloscopus tenellipes

Heard on many occasions in the forest interior and seen at Tmatboey and in Cat Tien NP. A shy and rather elusive warbler!

Eastern Crowned Warbler

Phylloscopus coronatus

One bird seen near Ho Tuyen Lam Dam.

Blyth's Leaf Warbler

Phylloscopus reguloides

Seen a few times in the Da Lat area.

Kloss's (White-tailed) Leaf Warbler

Phylloscopus ogilviegranti

Good views on Deo Sui Lanh Pass and near Ho Tuyen Lam Dam.

White-spectacled Warbler

Seicercus affinis

Superb views of at least 6 birds on the trail up Mt. Lang Biang.

Grey-cheeked Warbler

Seicercus poliogenys

Brief sightings were had on Deo Sui Lanh Pass and on the trail up Mt. Lang Biang.

Chestnut-crowned Warbler

Seicercus castaniceps

Two birds seen well on the Mt. Lang Biang Trail.

Reed Warblers & Allies *Acrocephalidae*

Thick-billed Warbler

Acrocephalus aedon

One bird popped up nicely at Veal Krous.

Grassbirds & Allies *Megaluridae*

Lanceolated Warbler

Locustella lanceolata

Brief but satisfactory views of this arch skulker in the Florican Grasslands.

Pallas's Grasshopper Warbler

Locustella certhiola

Good views of a few birds in the Florican Grasslands.

Striated Grassbird

Megalurus palustris

Two were seen in the Florican Grasslands.

Cisticolas & Allies *Cisticolidae*

Zitting Cisticola

Cisticola juncidis

Seen in the Florican Grasslands.

Brown Prinia

Prinia polychroa

Seen on several occasions at Tmatboey.

Hill Prinia

Prinia atrogularis

Excellent views on several occasions around Ho Tuyen Lam Dam.

Rufescent Prinia

Prinia rufescens

This species showed well in Cat Tien NP.

Grey-breasted Prinia

Prinia hodgsonii

Commonly seen at Tmatboey.

Yellow-bellied Prinia (H)

Prinia flaviventris

Only heard on one occasion during our trip on Tonle Sap.

Plain Prinia

Prinia inornata

Seen in the Florican Grasslands and again at Veal Krous.

Common Tailorbird

Orthotomus sutorius

Heard and seen on a few occasions in the lowlands.

Dark-necked Tailorbird

Orthotomus atrogularis

Seen at Tonle Sap and in Cat Tien NP.



Babblers, Parrotbills & Allies Timaliidae

Large Scimitar Babbler (H)

Pomatorhinus hypoleucos

Unfortunately despite our best efforts we only heard this species on one occasion in Cat Tien NP.

White-browed Scimitar Babbler

Pomatorhinus schisticeps

Good views were eventually had of a pair near Ho Tuyen Lam Dam.

Red (Orange)-billed Scimitar Babbler

Pomatorhinus ochraceiceps

Incredible views were had of this sought-after species on Deo Sui Lanh Pass. Fantastic!

Grey-throated Babbler

Stachyris nigriceps

Seen briefly in the Ta Nung Valley.

Rufous-capped Babbler

Stachyridopsis ruficeps

Seen well on Deo Sui Lanh Pass and in the Da Lat area.

Pin Striped Tit-Babbler

Macronous gularis

This common Tit-Babbler was seen on Tonle Sap and daily in Cat Tien NP.

Grey-faced Tit-Babbler (RE)

Macronus kelleyi

Several good sightings were had in Cat Tien NP.

Chestnut-capped Babbler

Timalia pileata

A skulking species that showed well but briefly in Cat Tien NP. Also seen briefly at Veal Krous.

Fulvettas, Ground Babblers Pellorneidae

Black-crowned (Rufous-winged) Fulvetta

Alcippe klossi

Excellent views of a few birds in a mixed flock near the top of Mt. Lang Biang.

Mountain Fulvetta

Alcippe peracensis

Commonly seen on Deo Sui Lanh Pass and on Mt. Lang Biang.

Scaly-crowned Babbler

Malacopteron cinereum

Good views of one bird in Cat Tien NP.

Buff-breasted Babbler

Pellorneum tickelli

A pair was seen hopping on the ground in dense bamboo in Cat Tien NP.

Laughingthrushes Leiothrichidae

White-crested Laughingthrush

Garrulax leucolophus

After hearing this species on several occasions we finally obtained good views at the feeder at our accommodation at Tmatboey.

Black-hooded Laughingthrush (VNE) (RE)

Garrulax millet

Heard and seen briefly on one occasion on Deo Sui Lanh Pass.

White-cheeked Laughingthrush (VNE) (RE)

Garrulax strepitans

Fabulous views were had of large flocks on Deo Sui Lanh Pass and in the Ta Nung Valley.

Orange-breasted Laughingthrush (VE)

Garrulax annamensis

We missed for this species on one occasion in the Ta Nung Valley and were rewarded with decent views of this ultra-skulking endemic. Also heard on Deo Sui Lanh Pass.

Collared Laughingthrush (VE)

Trochalopteron yersini

Good views were had of a pair along the trail up Mt. Lang Biang.

Vietnamese Cutia (NE)

Cutia legalleni

Finally we were rewarded with superb views of a small group of these stunning and endemic laughingthrushes at the start of the trail up Mt. Lang Biang. Also heard on one occasion near Ho Tuyen Lam Dam.

Blue-winged Minla

Minla cyanouroptera



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Seen daily in small numbers in the Da Lat area.

Grey-crowned Crocias (VE)

Crocias langbianis

First seen briefly in the Ta Nung Valley and then seen excellently on a return trip to the Valley. Splendid! We also heard this species near Ho Tuyen Lam Dam. Undoubtedly one of the top birds of the trip!

Rufous-backed Sibia

Heterophasia annectens

Good but brief views were had of several birds in the Ta Nung Valley.

Black-headed Sibia

Heterophasia desgodinsi

Wonderful views of several birds on each trip into the Ta Nung Valley.

Sylviid Babblers, Parrotbills, Myzornis Sylviidae

Black-headed (crowned) Parrotbill (VNE) (RE) *Psittiparus margaritae*

Commonly seen on Deo Sui Lanh Pass.

White-eyes Zosteropidae

Black-chinned Yuhina

Yuhina nigrimenta

Dave had a small group of these tiny birds on Deo Sui Lanh Pass.

Fairy-bluebirds Irenidae

Asian Fairy-bluebird

Irena puella

A spectacular bird that was seen quite frequently, especially in Cat Tien NP and in the Ta Nung Valley.

Nuthatches Sittidae

Chestnut-vented Nuthatch

Sitta nagaensis

Seen regularly in the Da Lat area.

Burmese (Chestnut-bellied/Neglected) Nuthatch *Sitta castanea*

Good views of several birds at Tmatboey.

NOTE: This species is a recent split from the Chestnut-bellied Nuthatch group. Both Clements and IOC accept all three splits.

Velvet-fronted Nuthatch

Sitta frontalis

A few sightings were had at Tmatboey and in Cat Tien NP.

Yellow-billed Nuthatch (VNE) (RE)

Sitta solangiae

This rare near-endemic was seen briefly on only one occasion on the Deo Sui Lanh Pass.

Starlings Sturnidae

Golden-crested Myna

Ampeliceps coronatus

An often tricky species – we were incredibly fortunate to have had a large flock sitting up in a bare tree right next to the road one morning in Cat Tien NP. A spectacular bird! Further flight views were also had during our time in Cat Tien.

Common Hill Myna

Gracula religiosa

Seen on a few occasions in Vietnam.

Great (White-vented) Myna

Acridotheres javanicus

Only seen on one occasion in Cat Tien NP.

Common Myna

Acridotheres tristis

Seen on most days in Cambodia.

Vinous-breasted Starling

Sturnus burmannicus

Seen at Tmatboey and in Cat Tien NP.



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Black-collared Starling

Sturnus nigricollis

This handsome starling was seen in the Tmatboey area and again around Da Lat.

Chestnut-tailed Starling

Sturnia malabarica

A few birds were seen at Tmatboey.

Thrushes & Allies *Turdidae*

Blue Whistling Thrush

Myophonus caeruleus

A brief sighting was had at dawn at our restaurant on Deo Sui Lanh Pass.

Japanese Thrush

Turdus cardis

A small flock of these migrant thrushes flew overhead one morning at Ho Tuyen Lam Dam.

Eyebrowed Thrush

Turdus obscurus

Good scope views were had of about 20 birds near Ho Tuyen Lam Dam.

Chats & Old World Flycatchers *Sylviidae*

Lesser Shortwing (H)

Brachypteryx leucophris

Only heard on two occasions in the Da Lat area. An exceptionally skulking species!

Siberian Rubythroat

Luscinia calliope

Incredible views were had of a stunning male at Tmatboey.

Siberian Blue Robin

Luscinia cyane

Good views were had of males and females in Cat Tien NP. A rather shy and retiring robin!

Oriental Magpie-Robin

Copsychus saularis

This widespread Asian species was seen well during our Tone Sap trip and also at Veal Krous.

White-rumped Shama

Copsychus malabaricus

A rather retiring species but seen well in Cat Tien NP.

White-tailed Robin

Myiomela leucura

Excellent views of this shy robin along trails in the Da Lat area.

Stejneger's (Siberian) Stonechat

Saxicola stejnegeri

Seen in the Florican Grasslands and at Veal Krous.

Pied Bush Chat

Saxicola caprata

Seen occasionally in lowland grassy areas.

Grey Bush Chat

Saxicola ferreus

Commonly seen around Da Lat.

Blue Rock Thrush

Monticola solitarius

Only seen in the Da Lat area.

White-throated Rock Thrush

Monticola gularis

A lovely male showed very well in the scope on Deo Sui Lanh Pass.

Dark-sided Flycatcher

Muscicapa sibirica

One seen perched up on a dead twig on Deo Sui Lanh Pass.

Asian Brown Flycatcher

Muscicapa dauurica

Seen on many occasions throughout the trip.

Mugimaki Flycatcher

Ficedula mugimaki

A few sightings were had in the Vietnamese highlands.

Taiga (Red-throated) Flycatcher

Ficedula albicilla

Seen on a few occasions at Tmatboey.

Little Pied Flycatcher

Ficedula westermanni

A few sightings were had in the Da Lat area.

Verditer Flycatcher

Eumyias thalassinus

This brilliant turquoise-blue flycatcher was seen daily in the Vietnamese highlands.



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Hainan Blue Flycatcher

Cyornis hainanus

Seen a few times in Cat Tien NP.

Pale Blue Flycatcher

Cyornis unicolor

One male was heard singing and then seen briefly in Cat Tien NP.

Tickell's Blue Flycatcher

Cyornis tickelliae

Heard and seen on several occasions in Cat Tien NP.

Rufous-browed Flycatcher

Anthipes solitaris

A very good bird for the route! We had one brief sighting in the Ta Nung Valley.

Large Niltava

Niltava grandis

A gorgeous male showed well on a trail near Ho Tuyen Lam Dam.

Blue-and-white Flycatcher

Cyanoptila cyanomelana

Good views of a showy male in the forest interior in Cat Tien NP.

Leafbirds *Chloropseidae*

Golden-fronted Leafbird

Chloropsis aurifrons

Seen at Tmatboey and in Cat Tien NP.

Flowerpeckers *Dicaeidae*

Plain Flowerpecker

Dicaeum minullum

Singletons seen at Cat Tien NP and in the Da Lat area.

Fire-breasted Flowerpecker

Dicaeum ignipectus

Seen well on one occasion on Deo Sui Lanh Pass and again in the Da Lat area.

Scarlet-backed Flowerpecker

Dicaeum cruentatum

Brief views were had of a male at Veal Krous.

Sunbirds & Spiderhunters *Nectariniidae*

Ruby-cheeked Sunbird

Chalcoparia singalensis

A few good looks were had of this stunning sunbird in Cat Tien NP.

Purple-naped Sunbird

Hypogramma hypogrammicum

Several sightings were had in the forest interior in Cat Tien NP.

Van Hasselt's (Purple-throated) Sunbird

Leptocoma sperata

One male posed well but briefly in the Tmatboey area.

NOTE: Purple-throated Sunbird has recently been split by the IOC into two species. The nominate L. sperata remains as Purple-throated Sunbird while the race L. brasiliana becomes Van Hasselt's Sunbird, the species we recorded.

Purple Sunbird

Cinnyris asiaticus

Several birds were seen at Tmatboey.

Olive-backed Sunbird

Cinnyris jugularis

Good views of both sexes on Tonle Sap and in Cat Tien NP.

Mrs. Gould's Sunbird

Aethopyga gouldiae

This exquisite sunbird was seen well in the Ta Nung Valley.

Black-throated Sunbird

Aethopyga saturata

Another sensational sunbird that showed well in the Ta Nung Valley.

(Eastern) Crimson Sunbird

Aethopyga siparaja

This brilliant species was seen well on Deo Sui Lanh Pass.

Little Spiderhunter

Arachnothera longirostra

Two brief sightings were had in Cat Tien NP.

Streaked Spiderhunter

Arachnothera magna

Larger than the previous species, we enjoyed good views on several occasions throughout the Vietnamese highlands.



Old World Sparrows *Passeridae*

- House Sparrow** *Passer domesticus*
Seen around towns and villages throughout the trip.
- Eurasian Tree Sparrow** *Passer montanus*
Seen around Siem Reap and on a few occasions thereafter.

Waxbills, Munias & Allies *Estrildidae*

- Red Avadavat** *Amandava amandava*
Good views were enjoyed of this beautiful waxbill-like species in the Florican Grasslands.
- White-rumped Munia** *Lonchura striata*
Seen on one occasion in each of Cat Tien NP and in the Da Lat area.
- Scaly-breasted Munia (Nutmeg Mannikin)** *Lonchura punctulata*
Flocks were found in the Florican Grasslands and in Cat Tien NP.
- Chestnut Munia** *Lonchura atricapilla*
Brief views were had of a flock in the Florican Grasslands.

Wagtails & Pipits *Motacillidae*

- Forest Wagtail** *Dendronanthus indicus*
We eventually managed to see this species well in Cat Tien NP.
- Grey Wagtail** *Motacilla cinerea*
Seen daily in the Vietnamese highlands.
- Richard's Pipit** *Anthus richardi*
Just one bird noted in the Florican Grasslands.
- Paddyfield (Oriental) Pipit** *Anthus rufulus*
Common in the Florican Grasslands.
- Olive-backed Pipit** *Anthus hodgsoni*
First seen en route to Tmatboey and thereafter seen occasionally around Tmatboey, at Veal Krous and in the Da Lat area.

Finches *Fringillidae*

- Vietnamese Greenfinch (E)** *Chloris monguilloti*
This striking endemic was seen frequently in the Vietnamese highlands.
- Red Crossbill** *Loxia curvirostra*
One flock was encountered near Ho Tuyen Lam Dam.

MAMMALS (15 species seen)

Treeshrews *Tupaiaidae*

- Northern Slender-tailed Treeshrew** *Dendrogale murina*
Singletons were seen on a few occasions in Cat Tien NP.

Old World Fruit Bats

- Large Flying Fox** *Pteropus vampyrus*
Good views were had of this species along with the next species at a park in Siem Reap.
- Lyle's Flying Fox** *Pteropus lylei*
We watched this species in the scope alongside the previous species at a park in Siem Reap.



Monkeys *Cercopithecidae*

Black-shanked Douc

Pygathrix nigripes

These scarce primates were seen on a few occasions in Cat Tien NP.

Long-tailed Macaque

Macaca fascicularis

Good views of troops in Cat Tien NP.

Northern Pig-tailed Macaque

Macaca nemestrina

A few seen in Cat Tien NP.

Gibbons *Hylobatidae*

Yellow-cheeked Crested Gibbon

Nomascus gabriellae

Unbeatable views of a gorgeous female and her baby in Cat Tien NP. Also heard on many occasions throughout the reserve.

Mongoose *Herpestidae*

Crab-eating Mongoose

Herpestes urva

A single animal was seen briefly during our final morning walk in Cat Tien NP.

Pigs

Wild Boar

Sus scrofa

One was seen briefly at the side of the road on an evening drive in Cat Tien NP.

Deer *Cervidae*

Indian Muntjac

Muntiacus muntjak

One was seen on an evening drive in Cat Tien NP.

Sambar

Cervus unicolor

Several seen on evening drives in Cat Tien NP.

Squirrels *Sciuridae*

Black Giant Squirrel

Ratufa bicolor

Seen in Cat Tien, on Deo Sui Lanh and in the Da Lat area.

Pallas's Squirrel

Calliosciurus erythraeus

Commonly seen at most sites.

Variable Squirrel

Callosciurus finlaysoni

One brightly coloured individual seen in the Tmatboey area.

Cambodian Striped Squirrel

Tamiops rodolphii

Several sightings were had at most localities.

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